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VIETNAM VET TALKS WITH P.O.W.'S IN HANOI

BARRY ROMO, JOAN BAEZ, REV. MICHAEL ALLEN & TILFORD TAYLOR, WITH VIETNAMESE GUIDES DURING THEIR RECENT TRIP TO NORTH VIETNAM. THEY MET WITH AMERICAN P.O.W.'s IN HANOI.

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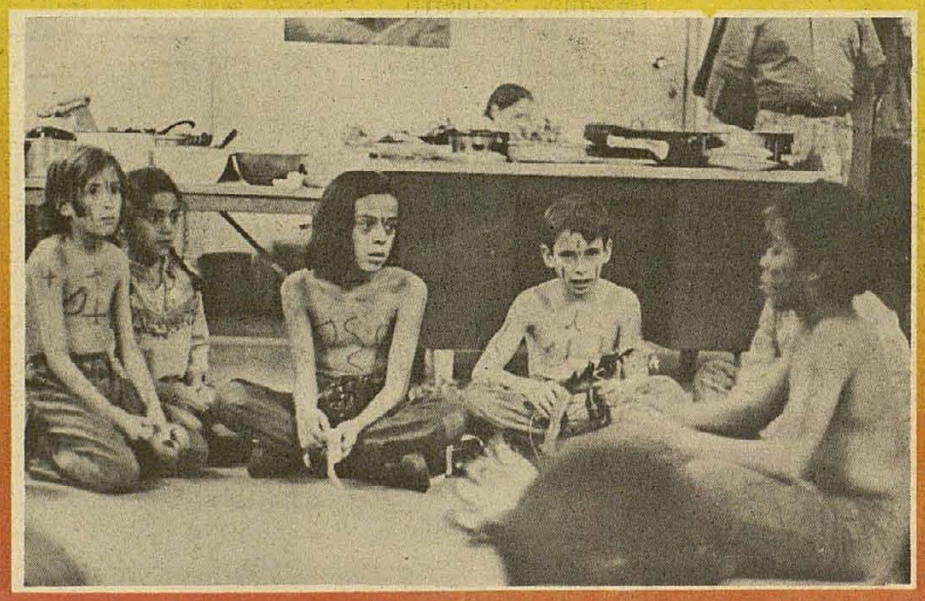
LAKEVIEW KIDS GETTING TOGETHER

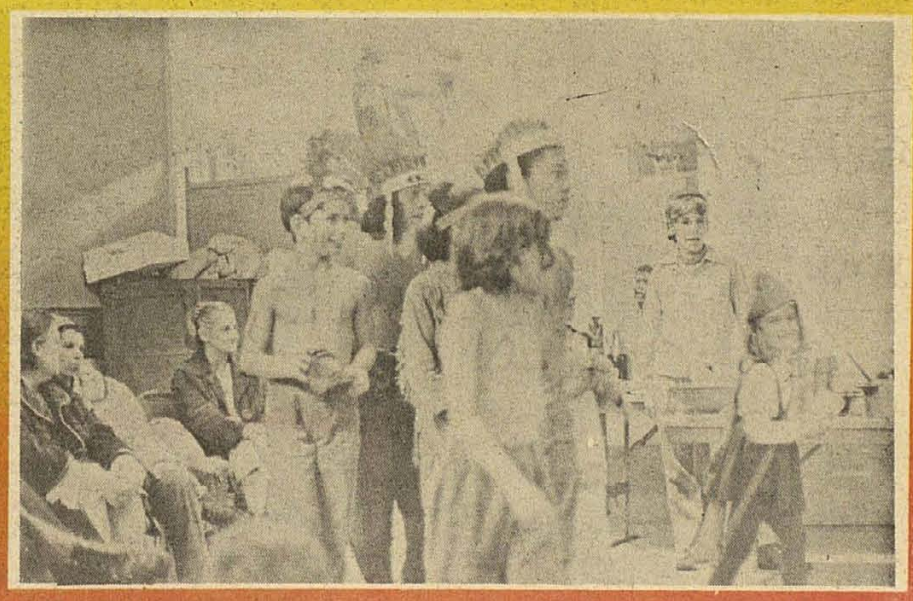
Many young people that come to the Fritzie Englestein Free People's Health Center decide they want to work at the center. Although some do, we couldn't put all the kids to work that want to help. But, we did want them to be involved in working together. One of the women on the clinic staff, Ann Burke, had once been in a theater group and she talked to the kids about putting their own group together. Everyone thought it was a great idea. The young brothers and sisters got together and created two plays so far; one is about health care and the other is about how the American Indians have had their land ripped-off from them.

The young people's theater group includes children from first grade thru eighth grade. Any children interested in joining them are welcome to contact Rising Up Angry at 472-1791 for information on working in the group. And, if you are in any group that would like to see a performance of the children's plays, also contact Rising Up Angry.

In the past we have organized Dog & Cat Clinic days where free distemper shots were given to pets. Many children helped on this project, and were interested in learning more about animals. So, a program to teach young people about pets has been planned for children 12 years old and over. The course will be conducted by Dr. Frank, a veterinarian who helped with the distemper shots. It will include discussions on the care and feeding of pets; demonstrations on the proper ways of handling animals; identification of sick and injured pets and what can be done to help them. The program will include trips to animal hospitals and other places where pets are cared for.

The course will be held on Saturdays at the Free People's Health Center – 2747 N. Wilton (corner of Wilton & Diversey) – from 12 noon to 1 P.M. If you are interested, call Debbie Redman at 528-5426.





PEOPLE'S GRAPEVINE

CTA–MORE MONEY FOR LESS SERVICE

Once again, the CTA says it's broke. They've been saying they're broke for the last 15 years while they've continually raised the fare until now a ride on the CTA is one of the most expensive rides in the country. But, as of February 1st it's going to be even more expensive – 50 cents a ride plus 5 cents for a transfer. And, they're cutting the service; 18 bus lines and 23 "L"- subway stops are out, leaving a whole lot of people out in the cold.

One of the biggest problems in cities all over the country is the traffic situation. Between inching along in traffic jams, and circling around for a parking space, and choking on the pollution from the exhaust fumes, people are being driven crazy in their cars (those who can still afford one).

An inexpensive, dependable, mass transportation system is one important solution to this problem. You know it, and I know it – anyone who had to get to work this morning knows it, anyone who wants to take their kids to visit Grandma, or go shopping, or go to school (when they're open) knows it – but some people don't care.

For starters, Nixon doesn't care. He opposes giving money to mass transit. (When's the last time you rode next to Nixon on a bus?) Mayor Daley and his pals can say they care all they want, but what they say and what they do are two different things.

They came up with an idea, some time ago, to sell bonds to raise money for the CTA. The bonds were bought mainly by bankers who get paid dividends on them. All the time the CTA has been screaming it's broke, and all the time the fares have been going up, the bondholders are getting theirs! And now, we're left holding a nickel transfer at a deserted "L" station. (And I've got a funny feeling if you and I had bought the bonds the dividends would have been cut off long ago).

There's another interesting thing going on. While they're closing all these neighborhood stops, a new multi-million dollar subway project is underway. Subway lines are being built from downtown to the Hancock building and back downtown, and the other is from downtown to McCormick Place and back. This is great for businessmen and convention goers (who could afford cabs in the first place) but it sure doesn't solve our problems.

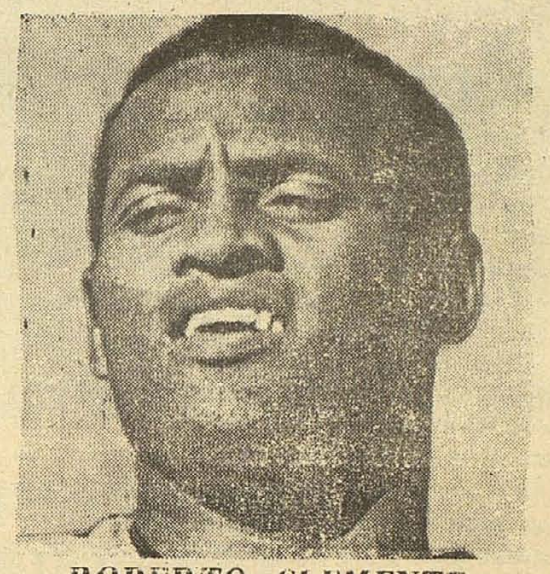
People who work for the CTA have been having their problems too. In addition to some passengers glaring at them when they throw their exact change in the box, about 8,200 union employees have nearly $5 million owed to them in cost of living increases for the last year. If they don't get it they are threatening to strike.

So there you have it – the CTA: (1) it does not provide decent service to the working people of Chicago; (2) it's always broke, but rich people are making money off it; and (3) we pay the bills.

One thing is for sure – Daley and the "Authorities" of the Chicago Transit Authority don't ride the buses and trains. They should be made to, everyday – the punishment should fit the crime!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

IN MEMORY OF ROBERTO CLEMENTE



ROBERTO CLEMENTE
His concern for humanity could not be destroyed.

On New Year's Eve, Roberto Clemente died in a plane crash while delivering relief supplies to the people who were victims of the earthquake in Nicaragua. This is how he lived his whole life. Even though he achieved great success in his baseball career, Roberto Clemente never forgot where he came from. He was always involved in helping people. He satisfied himself by bringing happiness to others. We, in Rising Up Angry, regret the passing of a great human being. We will show our respect by continuing our lives with the same humanitarian spirit with which Roberto Clemente lived and died.

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DIVERSEY AND CLYBOURN PROJECTS

Three Weeks In Jail For Nothing

Jesse Rodriguez was recently arrested on an old warrant -- which had already been settled by the courts. But there had been some kind of mix-up and the warrant was still on the books, so he was re-arrested.

His bond was set very high, so he had no choice but to straighten it out from inside the House of Correction. He called the Public Defenders Office and managed to talk with the Public Defender who was in court earlier when this charge was originally dropped. The lawyer said that he did remember the case had already been settled, but there was nothing he could to to straighten out the case until it came to court. This meant a 3 week wait; and that's exactly what happened – Jesse had to sit in jail for 20 days before his case came up, at which time he was released with a , "Gee, I'm sorry" by the judge.

We don't want apologies and excuses about the misery that so many people suffer under this corrupt and beaurocratic legal system. We want change. Only people's power will change the things that are wrong.

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Brothers Save Child From Fire

The spirit of sticking together and helping each other out has always been strong and is getting stronger at the projects.

On Friday, December 23rd, a house at 2851 Clybourn caught on fire. Darrell Crouse and Jimmy Svonis were hanging out on Clybourn and were the first to notice the flames. They ran to the house and kicked in the door to get everyone out.

Inside, they found a young child who was overcome by the smoke, and they carried him out. He was taken to the hospital, where he was treated for shock and released. This child is alive and well because of the quick action of Darrell and Jimmy.

POWER TO THE BROTHERS & SISTERS WHO LOVE THE PEOPLE!

HARVARD, ILLINOIS

On December 17th some people from Harvard, Ill. got together and had a rap session with people from Rising Up Angry. There were 20 people there of all ages and backgrounds, which is good for a town of our size and interests.

A lot of people dug the ideas of Rising Up Angry and we've doubled our paper sales already.

The whole group intends to keep on getting papers out and telling people of revolution.

EDUCATE TO LIBERATE!

THE BEAT OF

CHICAGO TEACHERS STRIKE

This year, as every year, the Chicago teachers presented a list of demands to the Board of Education. The demands are basically the same every year because there are never any basic changes made in the Chicago school system.

The Board of Education says they don't have enough money to operate the schools. Yet, this year, as every year, they've mismanaged school funds spending too much money on administration and not enough on teachers and classrooms. In fact over the last year administration has increased while the teaching staff has been cut down.

Whenever teachers ask for a raise the school board says they'll have to have taxes raised in order to meet the demands, thereby pitting the tax payers against the teachers. In reality, corruption and mis-management eat away school money. This year the teachers are asking for a 2.5 percent salary increase, a school year shortened from 40 to 38 weeks with no loss in pay, a reduction in class size beginning in September, extension of elementary teachers' preparation periods beginning in April, and rehiring of 600 adjustment teachers and others laid off last February.

When the school board heard the demands with their usual refusal, the teachers felt they had no recourse but to go out on strike. On Wednesday, January 10, the strike began. The negotiators for the Chicago Teachers Union have been spending long, hard hours trying to work out an acceptable contract. The members of the school board don't even show up half the time. It's clear the school board isn't concerned with quality education for the students in Chicago and the fact that the strike has dragged on as long as it has shows the Board of Education doesn't care really if the students get any education at all.

EDUCATE TO LIBERATE!

STEINMETZ HIGH SCHOOL

A group of us at Steinmetz got together and decided to put out an underground newspaper so that people could say what they want without being censored, like in the school paper. The name of our paper is RATS.

We got together and talked to a lawyer about the legal aspects of putting out a paper and then we got the articles together and ran off about 1,000 copies with the help of an organization in our neighborhood.

We passed them all out in school and people dug them. As soon as we have enough articles we'll put out another one.

We want the brothers and sisters here at Steinmetz to know that this is their paper and if they want to write articles or poems for it they should do it and we'll put them in.

We're putting out a newspaper of our own because we want to be able to say things and see things as they really are, not distorted like the way they're presented in the Tribune or the Sun-Times.

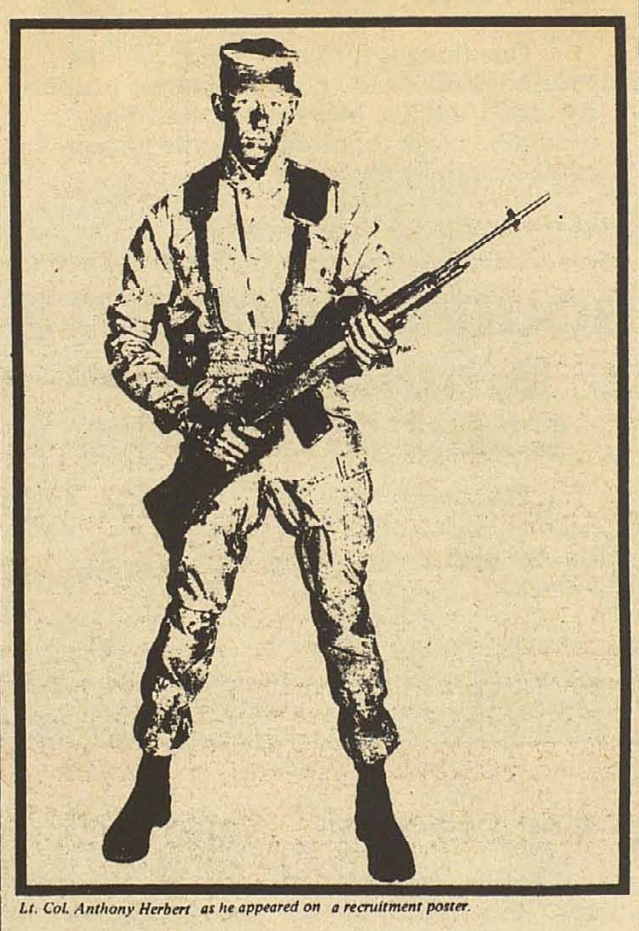
WAR HEROS TURN AGAINST THE WAR

President Nixon is a powerful man, but his power is not the "power of the People". His power comes mainly from his technology, his guns, and bombs and missles, and bombers. But he needs people to aim his weapons at the targets he points out. Rebellion and refusal to follow orders has become common among the GIs. Platoons refuse to fight, sailors refuse to board and run ships, mechanics "fix" equipment so it won't fly, or shoot, or move.

Recently some much decorated war heroes have made it clear that they too have had enough of Nixon's war.

1. Lieutenant Colonel Anthony B. Herbert was the United States' most decorated hero in Korea. His picture was on army recruiting posters, and the army had high hopes for him in Vietnam. He was the winner of a battlefield commission and was considered one of the best combat infantrymen and commanders that the US army ever produced. He was trained in every military skill and engaged in many secret military operations. It seemed clear that he was destined for a career that would lead him to the highest levels of the pentagon.

But somewhere in Vietnam things changed. He thought he had been sent there to serve as a soldier, not a murderer. He complained of mismanagement, corruption and atrocities, and was relieved of his command. He persisted in seeking army investigations of these things, and the army responded with harassment of him and his family. In November of 1971, Anthony Herbert quit the military. He was more a human being than a soldier. Now he's working to end the war.



Lt. Col. Anthony Herbert as he appeared on a recruitment poster.

2. Another example is that of 28 year old Sgt. Ernest R. Pounder from Peoria, Illinois. Pounder was a security guard for President Kennedy, a much decorated green beret who was "100 percent in favor" of the US role in Vietnam when he was assigned to the war zone in 1964. Pounder said "during service in Southeast Asia saw, first hand, the brutality and insanity of the war. I began to question 'my God, why?', when I observed the cruel horrors of a fatally wounded human being flopping and kicking and spitting his life blood away."

He has applied for a discharge from the army as a conscientious objector, and set Jan. 15 as the date for his personal withdrawal from the army. He told his commander that after that date he will not wear his uniform.

3. Capt. Michael Heck has flown 175 B-52 missions, and 100 combat missions. After 4 years of flying the "big Bombers" Heck flew his last mission on Christmas eve, saying he could live with a prison term "easier than I can with taking part in the war". Capt. Heck, age 30 from Chula Vista, California, is a much decorated flier. A graduate of Whittier College in California (where Nixon went to school) he refused to fly any more raids because "the goals do not justify the mass destruction and killing...there is enough suffering just in South Vietnam to warrant a discontinuation of the war. But the massive bombing of the North might have been the last straw and I think the step that specifically pushed me over the brink." He has applied for non-combat status as a conscientious objector.

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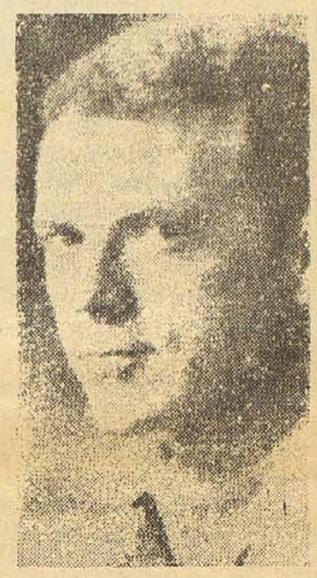


Heck said that only a very small number of airmen want to keep bombing civilians in North Vietnam and that he knows other B-52 crewmen that feel as strongly as he does.

These war heroes, Anthony Herbert, Earnest Bounder and Michael Heck, and many more like them refuse to continue murdering people while saying "my country right or wrong". Few people are as cold-blooded as Nixon.

BUILD A BETTER NATION FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Through the day
and through the night,
mighty brothers and sisters
are always in sight,
Helping those brothers and sisters
who are weak and unable,
standing with those who
are strong and stable,
For we know with the
wisdom of our unity –
we can build a better nation
for the upcoming generation.

– Chuck Norman
a Vietnam Vet from the Northwest Side

THE PEOPLE

LETTER FROM A NEW YORK PRISON

Peace and Solidarity Comrades,

I am writing primarily to congratulate the Comrades of Rising Up Angry and all other progressive elements within the Chicago area who have consolidated to assist in generating and constructing the "People's Tribunal" to try the notorious pig slumlord Hernam Gutman and his hog brothers for the crimes of: accessory to three counts of murder (actually he is directly responsible), reckless conduct and criminal housing mismanagement, along with numerous other serious crimes against the people.

We, the political prisoners held captive by the gestapopig lackeys here in the Amerikkkan "Neo-Political Fascist Concentration Camps", do diligently and with sincere dedication support the united people's efforts to eliminate from oppressed and exploited communities all the reactionary pig slumlords who deliberately rob and steal from the people's communities. Their robbing and stealing is the primary reason why our communities are in a state of dilapidation. This is why the alreadydeplorable conditions go unchecked. This is also why numerous children die!

The people are, and ha ve been, observing this situation with no or very little knowledge as to what can be done about it. Not knowing what to do, they permitted it to continue. One day someone asked "Why must we live like this? What can we do about this situation?" It all started from there. Then people moved toward positive action.

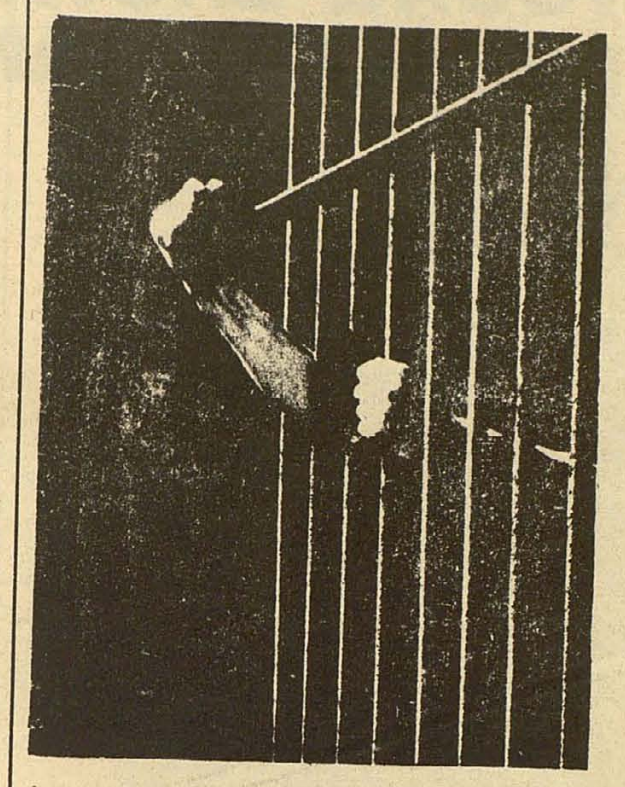
We now realize that the time has come for a united people's movement to terminate the existence of this oppressive racist reactionary pig rule. Now we must unify to accomplish a people's revolutionary government to provide the people with decent low-cost housing, free medical programs, decent and adequate low cost food (food without detrimental cancerous additives), and a low cost clothing apparatus.

We must put an end to pig slumlords who charge high rent for low down houses and apartments and we must put an end to the exploitative merchants who overcharge us for under-rated commodities. The time isn't tomorrow, but now, today!!!

United we stand, divided we fall, let's put the pig's back against the wall. Through Unity, Discipline and Organization we can accomplish what we will. As long as we are disunified the pigs got us - but where there's unity we got them.

DECENT HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT!

Revolutionarily yours,
-from a brother in a New York prison.



PRISONERS AGAINST THE WAR

Recently Rising Up Angry received a copy of a Petition against the war, signed by 144 inmates of the New Hampshire State Prison. The petition was sent to Nixon. This is a courageous act by the brothers because every freedom action taken by a prisoner is met with repression from the prison authorities. With the petition was this letter:

"We, the men of New Hampshire State Prison sent a petition to Nixon. While we are the people called criminals and put behind walls and into cages, we feel, along with all the peace and freedom loving people of the world that Nixon and his government are the true criminals, the true killers, the destroyers of land and property. While there is little else we can do here, besides send this petition and educate ourselves and our fellow prisoners as to the true nature of the war, we call on you on the outside to step up your activities, to use all and every means to end the war.

IN STRUGGLE TILL WORLD PEACE AND FREEDOM,

for the men at N.H.S.P."

...ony J. Russo Jr. is escorted by Vietnam Veterans Against the War as he arrives at federal court ... Angeles. He is on trial there with Daniel Ellsberg for releasing the Pentagon papers to news ...

FREE LEAD POISONING TESTS BRING YOUR CHILDREN

The People's Free Health Center will drawing blood to test for lead poisoning on Saturday, February 3rd at the Bethlehem Church - Diversey and Magnolia (12:00-4:00 PM).

We encourage parents in the neighborhood to bring their children, ages 9 months to 5 years, to be tested. In our lead testing program during this past summer, we found many children with lead poisoning and were able to get them treated. Many of the homes in this area have peeling paint with lead in it which children eat. So, if you have young children or know of friends who want their children tested -- come on February 3rd.

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BETHLEHEM CHURCH
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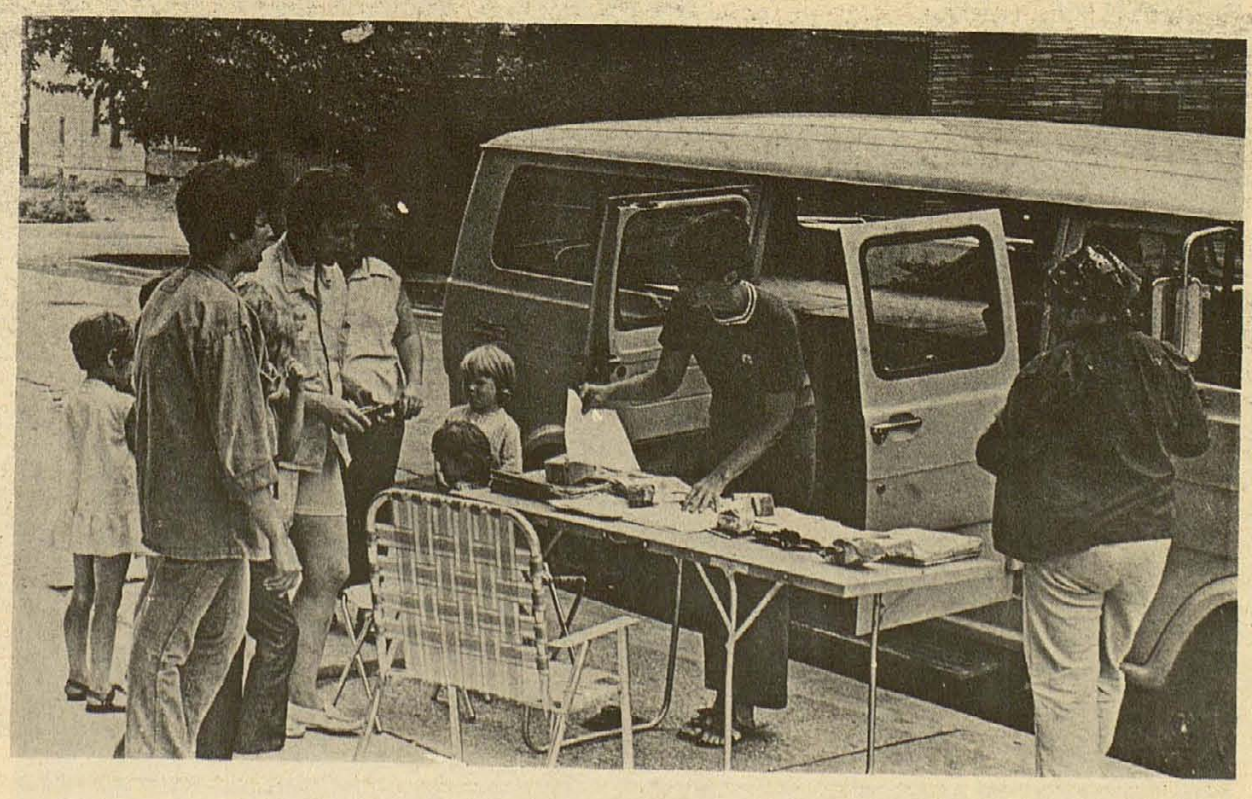

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THE NEW WORLD

YOUNG BROTHER KILLED IN NEEDLESS GANG VIOLENCE

On Tuesday night, December 26th, Kevin Simonsen, a fourteen year old former member of the Reinberg School Gaylords, was stabbed to death. This terrible act of confusion and misguided hate took place as Kevin and a friend were on their way home from a McDonald's near Belmont and Central. According to Kevin's friends, a car passed them, and when it got to the corner some people jumped out of it near 3100 N. Lotus and stabbed Kevin many times. Kevin was taken to Northwest Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Members of the Gaylords stated that the stabbing was not done by the Latin Kings, as the Chicago Tribune falsely reported. They also stated that cops in the area were using the incident to hassle certain members of the Gaylords.

Rising Up Angry shares the sadness with Kevin's family, his friends, and all concerned people. We did not need to see another needless death in the community; it saddens us to see the people fighting each other rather than unifying and dealing with the causes of the problems that confront all the people. In recent months there has been a resurgence of needless violence among different groups of young brothers in the neighborhoods. If it's not white fighting black or latin, it's whites fighting whites.

The time has come for members of clubs and gangs of all races and nationalities to get down and figure out just why it is they fight each other over the smallest incident, while ignoring the real criminals who hassel the people everyday – Nixon, Daley and the big corporations, to name a few.

We urge all the young brothers and sisters in the neighborhoods to think about the life and the future we can all build to gether if we begin to think of unity among the people rather than thoughtlessly doing things that play into dividing the people. The nest time someone is out gang banging, remember what happened to Kevin Simonsen and to Desie Conlon who was killed in a gang fight earlier this fall. And remember the story of the two Puerto Rican brothers who are now members of the Revolutionary Puerto Rican Workers Organization in New York City. One brother pushes the wheelchair that the other rides in. The brother in the wheelchair was shot and paralyzed in a needles gang fight years ago. The brother pushing the wheel chair is the one who shot him. Now both of them are working together, serving the people and building the revolution so we can change this system. Then no more brothers or sisters will die needless deaths while rich men and politicians sit back laughing at divided people.

ALL POWER TO THE BROTHERS & SISTERS WHO LOVE THE PEOPLE AND FIGHT THE REAL ENEMY..

ALBANY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER - WOMENS' MEETING

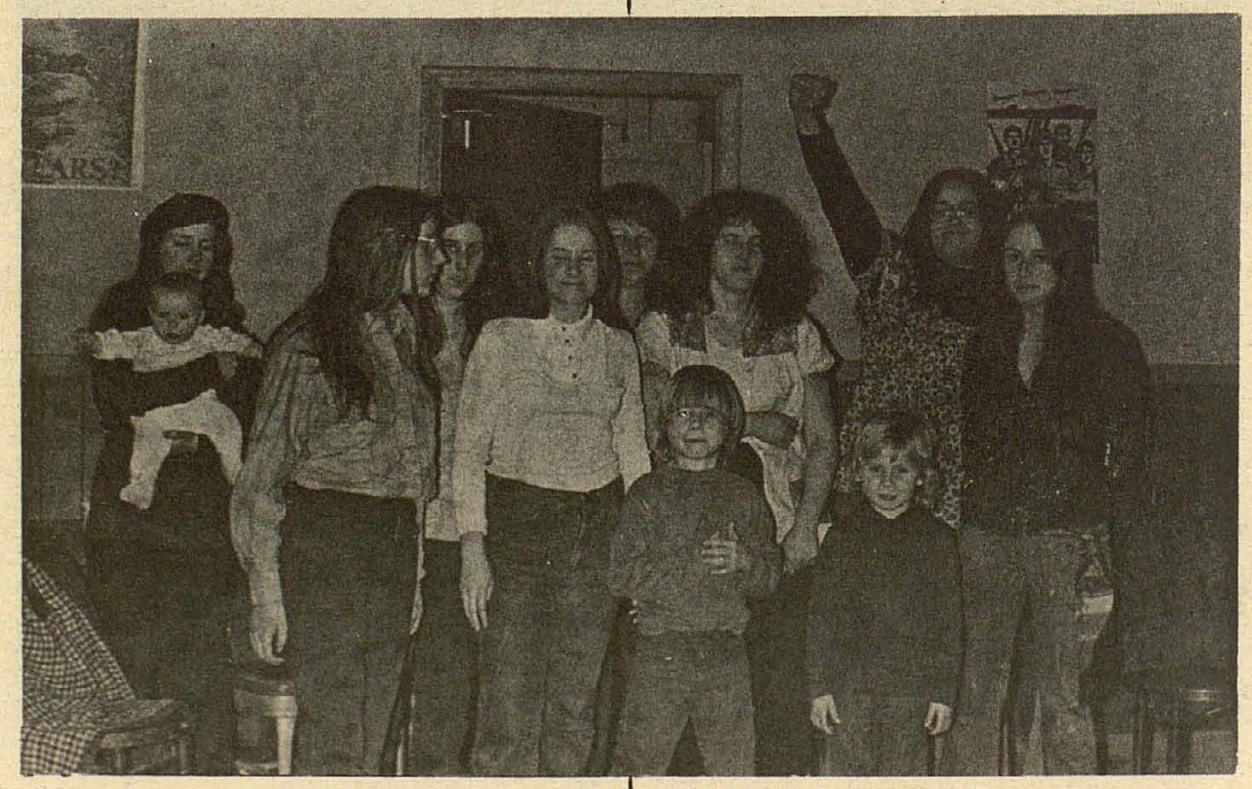
A film about the Miss America contest opened discussion at a women's meeting held January 15th at the Albany Park Community Center (4949 N. Kedzie). This was the Center's third monthly women's night and a spirited group of sisters came to it.

The main thing we talked about was the media's image of women. A good example of this is the annual Miss America contest. We are supposed to think that Miss America is the ideal woman – one that all sisters should try to imitate. Never mind what goes on in her head. If a contestant is political, she'll never win the title.

The sisters at the meeting rapped about how they felt about the Miss America image, and how they thought TV, radio, and the press support this image. The meeting was really great.

The next sisters' meeting will be on Mondat, February 12th. A woman from the Fritzie Engelstein Free People's Health Clinic will talk about birth control. All sisters are welcome – try to make it.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
SISTERHOOD IS POWERFUL!



LEARNING MORE ABOUT CHINA

I read a short article recently about China in a morning (only) edition of the Sun Times. We don't get much news about what it's really like in China and I don't think a whole lot of people got this news either, since they had it buried on page 34 - that's why I'm sending it in here.

The article said a group of students from San Francisco went to China to introduce the "frisbee." The students came back very enthusiastic about the people they met and what they saw on the trip. They said they were most impressed with the "great spirit of the people of China. It is a spirit, not of competition, but of serving each other."

Another visitor to China, a Roman Catholic priest, Rev. Alden J. Stevenson, said that he felt there was a spiritual presence in China, one in which people were "putting the gospel into practice, especially the dictate of love thy neighbor as thyself."

It's very encouraging to see that when a government serves the people and makes sure the needs of the people are taken care of that the people relate to each other in such a beautiful way. We have a lot to learn from Red China.

SERVE THE PEOPLE!
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

ARGO HIGH SCHOOL – BRIDGEVIEW

We're starting to get a lot of RUA papers around to the people in school here. People really dig it and their spirit is high.

About a month ago we showed a movie about the war called "Only the Beginning". It was the first time the school ever allowed anything like this. People really got into it, although there were a few people who didn't like it because they were for the war. But we still figured it was great because if we showed this movie a few years ago, everyone was for the war. Now people are starting to see through Nixon's twisted smiles and his phoney peace signs!

STOP THE WAR!
TELL THE PEOPLE THE TRUTH!

IS OURS TO BUILD

UNEMPLOYMENT LINES ARE GETTING LONGER

Several months ago I lost my job. Since I was only making $80.00 a week, I figured I couldn't do much worse with any other job. In the next few weeks I found out how hard it is to get a job these days.

I answered hundreds of ads by phone and in person, and filled out dozens of applications. Every place I applied had a crowd of people all seeking the same job. There were men and women that had been 20 years on the same job that had been fired or layed off and were now trying to get any job they could.

After about a month of fruitless job hunting I gave up and applied for unemployment compensation. I knew there would be forms to fill out and some hassles, but I was surprised to find out how much trouble I had to go through.

The first thing that happened when I got to the unemployment office was a seemingly endless wait in line. When I finally got to the information desk I was handed a stack of forms to fill out. After I completed the forms there was another long wait in line. I was finally given a number and told what day I was supposed to report in each month.

The entire day was one insult after another, and everything made me feel less than humanand very guilty – even though I had been paying into unemployment for years.

I realize that the people who work at the unemployment office have a crumby, boring job, but if they tried treating the people like people instead of cattle, their jobs would be better and everyone would benefit. It's not their fault or our fault that there aren't any jobs. The rich big shots at the top cut their employment rolls so they can make more money, and we're cut out.

I have a feeling things are going to get worse and the unemployment lines are going to get even longer than they are now. I wasn't making a decent living wage before but now we'll probably be offered, or forced to take, jobs that pay even less. The more we get together the less chance we have of being cut out completely from our right to make a living.

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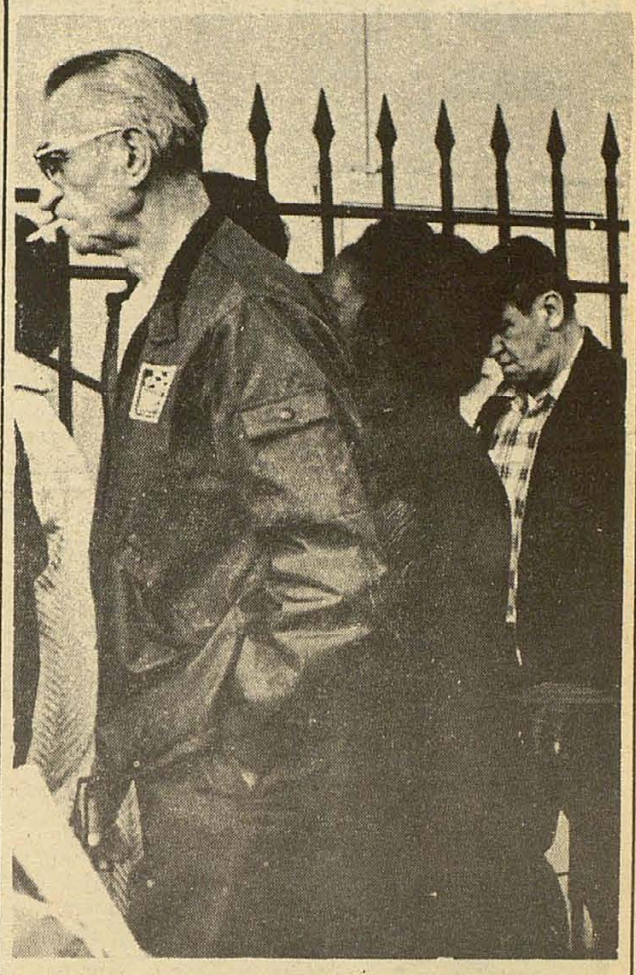

ALBANY PARK

A couple of weeks ago brothers and sisters from parks in the neighborhood, Jensen, Eugene, Mayfair and Kiwanis, decided to get together and have a big party. We started rapping about things that are coming down in the community. A lot of the same things are happening in different parks and schools. Our sense of unity is growing day by day as we see that we're all pretty much in the same scene; the conditions we are forced to live under are the same.

On January 10th, there was a movie at the Community Center on an Oil Strike in California a while back. It showed that the corporation owners don't give a damn about the lives of the people who work for them. After the movie we talked about what it's like in the places where we work and nobody had anything very good to say.

We are planning to put out a street sheet in the neighborhood very soon to try to serve the people with people's news.

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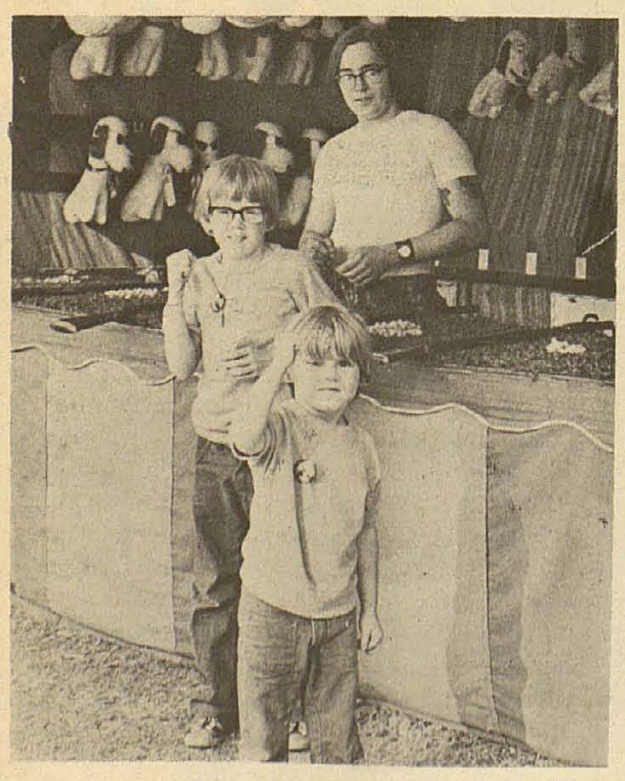


STUDENTS – TEACH YOUR TEACHERS

My teacher is always saying, "When you write a report, look it up in the encyclopedia." The she said we should write a report on rockets, and that the United S*ates built the first rocket.

After school I went home and looked it up in the encyclopedia. It said that rockets were invented by the Chinese. When I turned in my report saying the Chinese, not the U.S., invented rockets -- my teacher looked kind of mad. But she looked it up and found I was right. I got 100 on it.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
–Danny, 5th grade

VIETNAM VETERAN VISITS HANOI

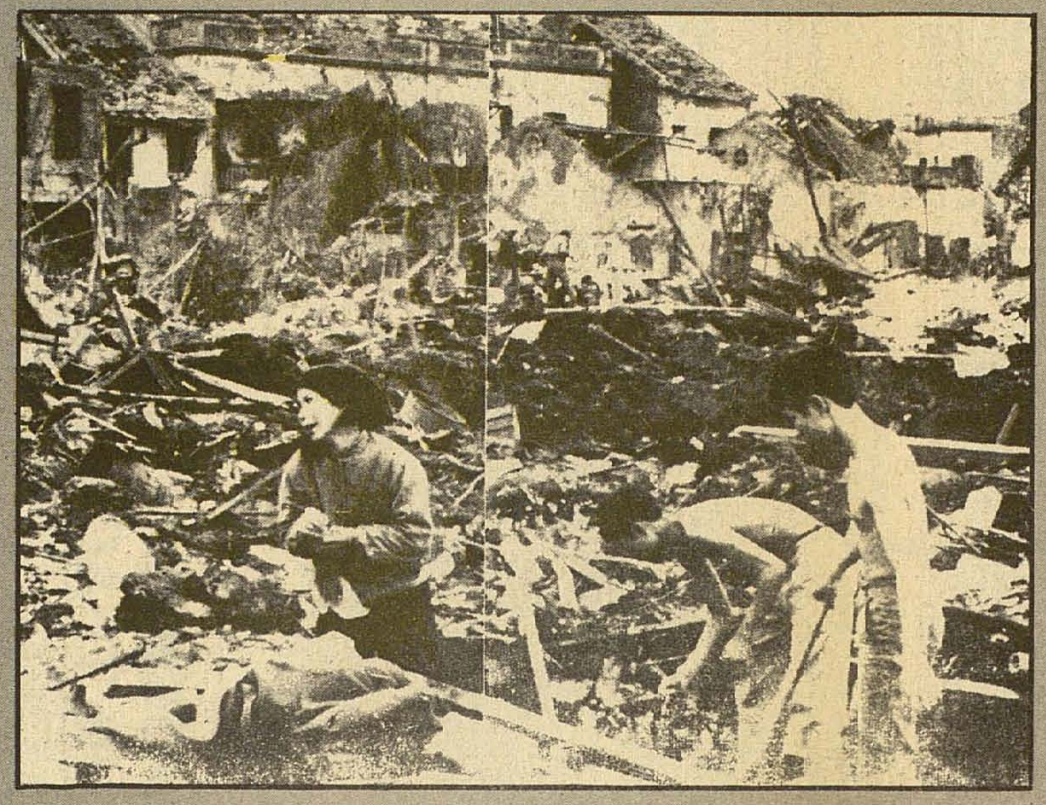
BARRY ROMO TALKS ABOUT 3 IMPORTANT QUESTIONS THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE ASKING: (1) THE PRISONERS OF WAR; (2) THE U.S. BOMBING; AND (3) THE PEOPLE OF NORTH VIETNAM.

While promising peace, Nixon instead ordered a major escalation of the war, and then refused to explain his actions to the American people or to Congress. The U.S. bombing of North Vietnam over the Christmas season, from December 18th to New Years, was the most intense bombing in the history of the world. In the last 9 months U.S. bombers have dropped 40 pounds of explosives for every man, woman and child in North Vietnam. The pentagon has not given out any information to the news media about the purpose or affects of the bombing, leaving people completely in the dark. Since over 70% of the people are against the war, it's not surprising that Nixon won't tell us what his intentions are, because we would surely demand that he sign the cease fire agreement now!

During this intensive bombing of Hanoi, a delegation of four Americans were there visiting the POW's. Joan Baez, folk singer; Barry Romo, a Vietnam war veteran; Tilford Taylor, former brigadier general and chief prosecutor of the Nazi war criminals; and the Reverand Michael Allen, assistant dean of theology at Yale University, had gone to Hanoi to bring the POW's Christmas cards and greetings from home. In order to let the American people know about the criminal activities of "our" government, so we can put a stop to this murder, Rising Up Angry interviewed Barry Romo, when he returned from Hanoi, to find out what he saw.

Barry Romo served in Vietnam from May 1968 to July 1969. He was in the Americal Division, and infantry platoon leader and an intelligence officer for 3 months. When Barry first went to Vietnam he wasn't against the war at all - quite the opposite.

Barry grew up in San Bernadino, California, where his father is a meat cutter and his brother is a telephone lineman. His brother-in-law is a policeman, whose job it is to arrest demonstrators and infiltrate people's organizations. Barry went to Catholic schools for 12 years. In high school he was president of the Junior Republicans. He went to college for one semester and while he was there he joined Young Americans for Freedom, a right-wing group, and helped throw an antiwar group off campus. He became a commissioned officer when he was 19 years old. Barry was gung-ho.



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In our interview with Barry, we wanted to find out what he learned about 3 important questions that the American people are asking, (1) the prisoners of war; (2) the U.S. bombing; and (3) the people of North Vietnam.

PRISONERS OF WAR

On December 21, 1972, the four Americans went to a prisoner of war compound in a civilian area of Hanoi that had been bombed.

"We visited with 13 detained pilots who had been captured anywhere from 3 months to 6 months prior to this.

"The camp itself was full of shrapnel and the ceilings were caved in from the concussion of the bombs. We were taken to the room where we were supposed to have a Christmas service and there was a Christmas tree that was totally destroyed and cards on the wall from their families were ripped down. The pilots (POW's) were kind of concerned about what was going on. One of the pilots kept pointing to the sky - a captain from Texas - and saying, 'What's going on here? I thought the war was supposed to end on October 30.' None of us could answer that question.

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The American delegation was supposed to return to the POW compound on Christmas day, but, on December 22, the other side of the compound was bombed and several of the pilots were injured. So, the American delegation didn't get a chance to go back to the camp.

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"We went to an area by the railroad station in Hanoi. It was about a mile by 1½ miles. It was a very crowded, old, workers section - there was a market square. We had passed the area before it was bombed and it was very crowded. We went there just a couple of hours after it had been bombed and it was bad. There were pieces of bodies everywhere. We went past one part where 13 families were completely wiped out - every member of the family killed. Then we went by one shelter where there was a family of four that were holding on to each other. They burned to death holding on to each other. A waman was crying over and over again, 'Where's my son? Where's my son?'

"The bombing, as far as everything I saw, had to be totally and completely deliberate. There's absolutely no doubt that Nixon was trying to use terrorism to force the Vietnamese into giving in on vital issues.

THE PEOPLE OF NORTH VIETNAM

"I've just never seen spirit like the Vietnamese have. We'd go into a bombed out area and we'd see people who'd had the natural shock of losing their entire family, or seeing all their friends burned around them, and the next morning at 5:30 am they'd be up and ready for work - smiling, riding their bicycles, and singing, and be carrying on with their work and carrying on with the struggle.

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While he was in Vietnam, Barry totally supported the American war effort. His nephew, who was only one month younger than Barry, was in his unit in Nam where he was killed along the DMZ (demilitarized zone). It wasn't until after he got back to the states to finish off his tour of duty that Barry began to think about the war. As he explains: "After I came back to the states I realized what I did, realized what I saw, realized what I didn't see the so-called Viet Cong do. When I realized they (the National Liberation Forces) had the support of the people, the contradiction was too big - and I had to change." So, Barry got involved in antiwar work and joined Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW). He represented VVAW on the trip to Hanoi.

The reason that Barry and the other three Americans went to North Vietnam was to take 500 letters to the detained pilots (POW's) and to see the affects of the war on North Vietnam. They left New York on December 13, 1972, and arrived in Hanoi on December 16. Originally, the group had planned to tour the countryside, have a Christmas service with the American prisoners, and leave on December 23. But, on December 18 the intensive U.S. bombing of Hanoi started - so the group spent a great deal of time in bomb shelters and viewing bombed-out areas (including a POW compound). They finally left on December 29. They returned to the states with over 600 letters from prisoners in the North and 30 letters from prisoners of war being held by the Provisional Revolutionary Government in South Vietnam. These letters have all been distributed to the families of the prisoners of war.

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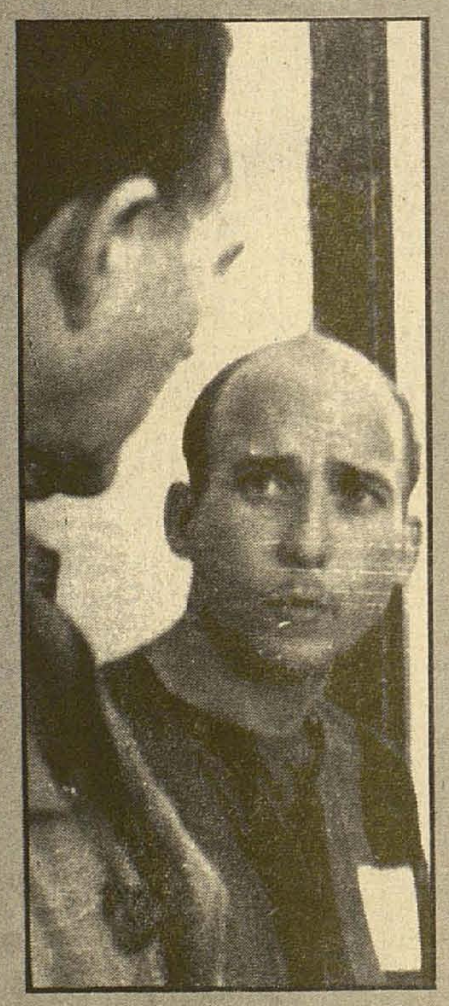

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THE U.S. BOMBING

"On Wednesday, December 20, we visited an area in Hanoi, approximately 1 mile by 1½ miles, that was completely bombed out. It was completely destroyed - it looked like someone had gone in with a plow and plowed the earth. There was nothing left. An interesting thing happened while we were there. There was a Vietnamese woman who was collecting what goods she had left and when she saw we were Americans, she put her stuff on a bicycle and rode over to us and pointed to a bomb crater. She said, in English, "Nixon's peace' and then smiled and drove off."

"We visited Bach Mai Hospital approximately 12 hours after it was bombed. It was the largest hospital in North Vietnam - it had 920 beds and they did medical research. When we visited the hospital it was totally destroyed. It wasn't just one section, it was the entire area. When we got there people were still trying to dig out medical personnel who had been buried alive in the shelters and had buildings collapse on them.

"Twenty-six medical personnel were lost - not one patient. The medical personnel got all the patients into the shelters and that's how come they got trapped and killed. After that, we left and we found out the hospital was bombed again the next night, and they couldn't get any of the people out that were buried alive. They died. The bombing was so precise that the bombs were falling in the same craters that they had fallen in the day before. The interesting thing that happened there was that a pilot was shot down while bombing the hospital and when he landed he broke his leg. He was captured by a Vietnamese nurse who apologized to him for not being able to fix his leg because the hospital had been destroyed and they would have to take him to an underground hospital. This speaks something about the humanity of the Vietnamese people.

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"Their spirit also comes from their political consciousness. The (Vietnamese) people really differentiated between the Nixon administration and the American people. It was constantly emphasized. The posters that we saw on the walls pictured Nixon, or the Nixon clique - there was only solidarity toward the American people. In the 13 days we were there, with the intensive bombing, and the stuff the American government has done to Vietnam in the last 10 years, we didn't have one bad reaction from the Vietnamese people.

"And it's not that we had guided tours - because in the morning, after we ate breakfast, I would go on walks by myself or with one other member of the delegation, without an interpreter, without a guide, and we'd walk to bombed out areas or workers' quarters and we'd wave at people and play with kids. There wasn't one bad reaction - and they knew we were Americans.

"One of the Vietnamese interpreters lost his home while we were there. His aunt lost her home and his parents lost theirs - everything. And he walked in and said, 'You know, when you have a home you're afraid of having it destroyed, but after you have it bombed you pick up what you have left and continue the struggle.'

"Right before we left, one of the guides came up to us and said, 'You know, Nixon's trying to pave the way to peace with bombs, but if he continues - we will pave the way to peace with downed B-52's.' "

Barry summarized the affect of his visit to Hanoi this way:

"It confirmed my opinion that the Vietnamese were right and the Americans wrong!"

STOP THE WAR!

ABBOTT LABORATORY

Working conditions at Abbott are very unsanitary if you're supposed to be making sterile hospital equipment. Whether you're making blood bags or intervenous needle sets, or inspecting I.V. solution bottles, the only thing they care about is the quantity each worker puts out – not quality.

Abbott Laboratories, in North Chicago, is a large pharmaceutical plant which makes hospital products, drugs and has a research division. Abott is an international corporation which has several plants in the United States and factories and offices in South America, Southeast Asia, and Europe.

When I first started working there I was impressed by how clean the departments were and I thought the management really cared about the quality of the products. But, I soon learned different. Abbott is cleaner, by far, than most factories – but in reality it's very unsanitary working conditions if you're supposed to be making sterile hospital equipment. Whether you're making blood bags or intervenous needle sets, or inspecting I.V. solution bottles, the only thing they care about is the quantity each worker puts out – not quality.

For example, in one department we made blood bags. It is very important that the blood bags are one hundred percent reliable because when a doctor or nurse has to give a patient blood transfusions every second counts. A faulty blood bag may mean a patients life. But the machines we make the blood bags on are always breaking down or in the process of breaking down. This means the quality of the product is going down too, because the seals on the sides of the bags aren't as strong and the chance that bad bags getting in with the good ones are greatly increased. The working area should be as clean as possible, but in the process of making the bags it's not unusual to look at your hands and find them black with dirt. We receive materials necessary for making these bags from other factories. Again, Abbott doesn't seem to care about checking the quality of these materials either. It's not unusual at all to find fibers or very tiny scratches, or tears, or worse yet, dead flies and insects melted in the roles of plastic used to make blood bags. It takes a long time to look at the bag and check for all the possible defects. But no matter how hard we strain our eyes the rates on the machines are too high for us to be able to inspect the product step by step as it's being made.

There is a quality control division in every department which checks to make sure the product meets certain standards. Making sure these standards are met usually means slowing down production. The women in quality control do care about how good the products are, but they are always being intimidated by the supervisors or foremen and managers. Whenever they try to do a good job (which calls for slowing down production) they get yelled at or told they don't know what they're talking about. When this happens the supervisors say the women in quality control are making our jobs harder – in order to try to turn us against them. After a while the women feel its just not worth the hassle because the foremen usually end up getting their way and production goes on as usual.

The women and men at Abbott struggle hard to change the lousy working conditions – which hurt us and the products. It's hard to fight when you don't even have any union to provide you with even a little job security. The main reason Abbott doesn't have a union is because the vast majority of production workers are women and Abbott takes advantage of the oppression of women as a whole by this society. They treat us with absolutely no respect. If we open our mouthes to complain they tell us we have husbands to support our families and we really don't need the money. So, if we don't like it we can quit and they'll get women who know their place.

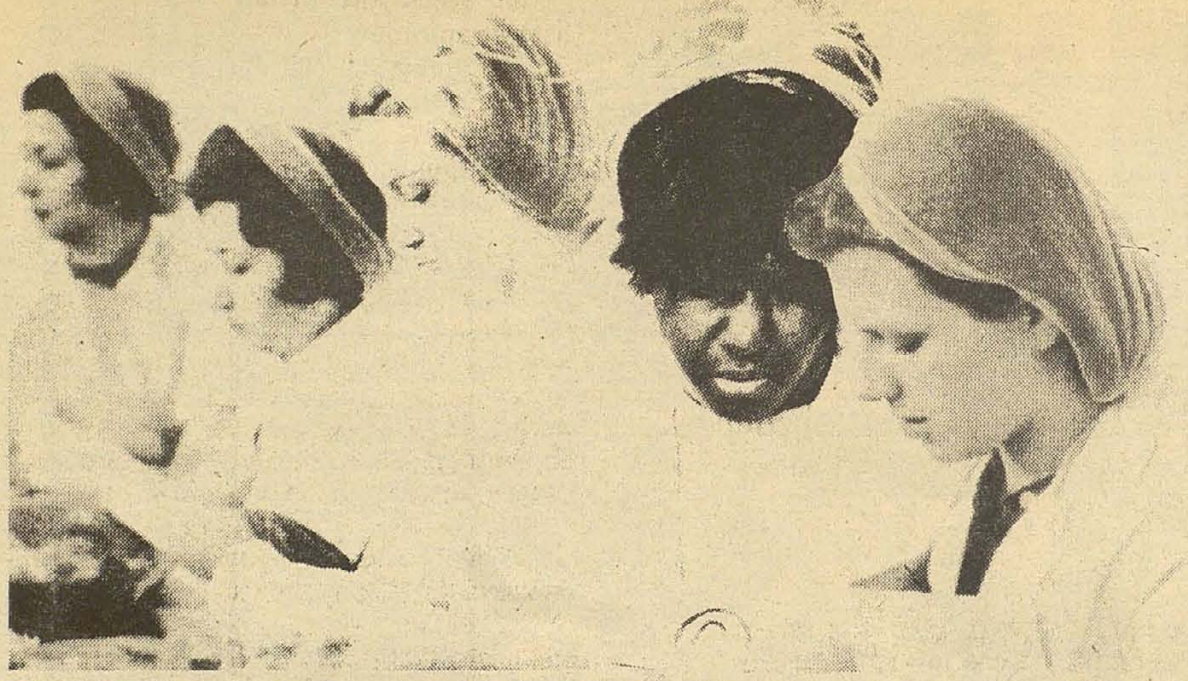
It's bad enough to be a woman worker at Abbott but if you're not white -- it's even worse. The non-white women and men are given harder jobs and no chance for advancement They're denied their due raises far more often than white people. Whenever a black or spanish speaking sister makes a mistake on the lines the supervisor goes around telling the white women to watch their work more carefully because they're stupid -- or can't understand – or they're just plain lazy. They tell the black and latin sisters they don't realize what an honor it is for Abbott to allow them to work there.

Another source of intimidation is the fact that Abbott is closing down a lot of production up here and moving it to other parts of the country. So, the chances of getting layed off or fired are even greater. The reason they are moving out from North Chicago is because it costs them less for labot in other parts of the country or the world. Just like any other big corporation, they don't care who it hurts – as long as they can get more profits. It's easier for them to exploit the labor and natural resources in the south and other countries than it is in the North. They tell us other people will work for cheaper wages and our complaint should be with the workers, not Abbott. But we realize that anybody who works for Abbott anywhere else is worse off than we are.

There are a lot of cards stacked against the workers but we understand better every day that we all have the same problems and that we have to stick together and fight in order to change things. Each time we fight for changes we learn more about how vicious the people who own Abbott are, and that only makes us more determined.

We have already demanded that Abbott put out better quality sanitary products. People all over are raising the urgent need for good health care. We need more and better hospitals, and doctors who help people instead of ripping us off. But health can't improve unless companies which make health care products change too. We must demand corporations like Abbott serve the people!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



NIXON ADMINISTRATION ATTACKS NEWS MEDIA

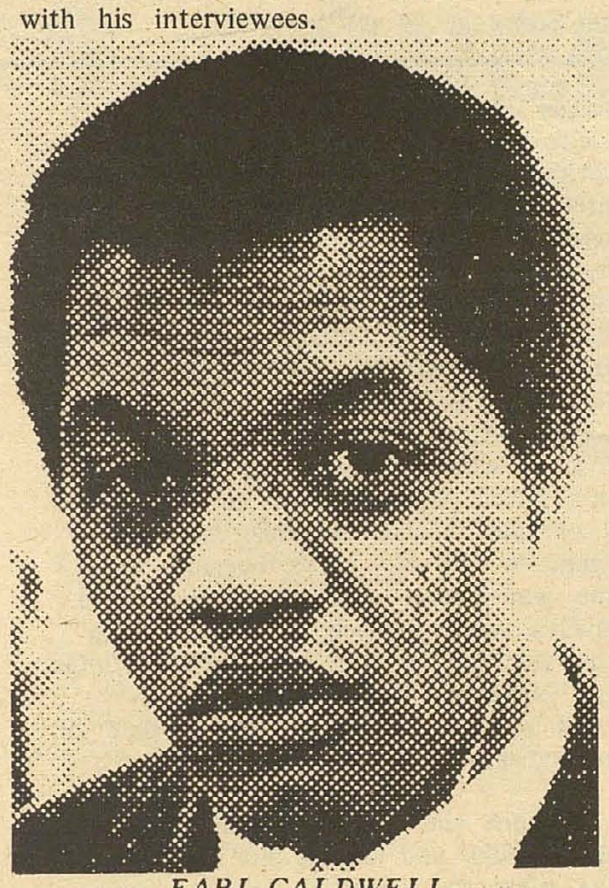
FREE SPEECH AND FREE PRESS THREATENED

The first amendment to the U.S. constitution says, in part, "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech or of the press". Free speech and a free and independent press are rights that American people have fought for throughout the years. Historically, the government has tried to stifle criticism by attempting to curtail people's free speech and free press; but always the people have organized and fought against this encroachment. Today, the Nixon administration is making a cold and calculated attack on newspapers and T.V. stations, networks and commentators that are critical of governmental policies.

The reason that the Nixon regime is waging such a relentless campaign to silence critics is because if the people really knew what "our" government was doing, we would become very angry and attempt to change the way the government is being run. Nixon doesn't want this. For instance, the "Pentagon Papers", which were leaked to the New York Times by Daniel Ellsburg, revealed the extent that the U.S. government consciously lied to the people about the war in Vietnam. A T.V. documentary, "The Selling of the Pentagon", exposed how the pentagon attempted to mold public opinion in its favor through advertising techniques rather than telling us the truth. More recently, interviews with Alfred C. Baldwin, a prosecution witness in the Watergate case, documented the political espionage conducted by the "Committee to Re-Elect the President". All of these news stories exposed the deception and corruption of the Nixon regime. So now, Nixon has decided to shut up all opposition, however loyal it is.

The most blatant example of this attack on the news media came on June 29, 1972, when the U.S. Supreme Court, in a five to four decision, ruled that newsmen had to turn over their confidential information to federal grand juries. The implication of the decision was that news reporters who had access to confidential information, because of their job, had to become stool pidgeons for police agencies. The ruling involved three newspaper reporters – Earl Caldwell of the New York Times, Paul Pappas of WTEV-TV in New Bedford, Massachusets, and Paul Brouzburg, formerly of the Louisville Courier - Journal.

The Caldwell case clearly shows how the U.S. government wants to use newspaper reporters to give information that police agencies can't get on their own. Earl Caldwell, a black reporter, had done a series of interviews with David Hilliard, Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party. The information that David Hilliard told to Earl Cladwell was given with the understanding that it was confidential information. Around this time, a federal grand jury was trying to find out about the Panthers' activities, so they subpoened Caldwell to tell them what he and David Hilliard had discussed in private. But Caldwell refused to answer the questions because he said he had a right to keep confidential the conversations he had with his interviewees.



EARL CALDWELL

For this, Earl Caldwell was convicted of contempt of court and threatened with an indefinite jail sentence. He still refused to divulge information that David Hilliard had given him in trust. He appealed his conviction, and a California appellate court over-turned the contempt conviction. The Supreme Court then reversed the appellate court on June 29th, and said in essence, that any information a news reporter gets is not confidential or private. Any reporter must give information to the government whenever the government wants it. This information can then be used to prosecute people. Giving the government control over all information that news reporters can gather hardly guarantees free and independent press. Quite the opposite, it makes all news reporters unwilling agents of grand juries and police agencies.

Because of this decision, several establishment - type news reporters, including: John Lawrence of the Los Angeles Times, David Goodman of New York Radio Station WBAI, Peter Bridge of Newark (N.J.) Evening News, William Fan of the Los Angeles Times and Harry Thornton from a Chattanooga (Tenn.) T.V. show, all have served (or are serving) time in jail for refusing to disclose names or information given them by confidential sources. These courageous reporters understand that if news reporters can't have secret sources, there cannot be a free and independent press.

Nixon's attack on T.V. stations is somewhat less obvious, and therefore more dangerous. Besides the public speeches (by people like Spiro Agnew) attacking the media, the Nixon administration has been threatening to take away the licenses of T.V. stations that are critical of the government. The White House has set up a whole office, called "Office of Telecommunications Policy", headed by Clay T. Whitehead, to attempt to control the content of T.V. networks and stations. Whitehead recently announced that the administration has drafted legislation that would make local T.V. stations in the U.S. accountable to the government for taste, balance, and lack of "ideological plugola" in their program content. That means the government would directly control what was said on T.V. if the proposed legislation passes.

But control of T.V. stations is not only in the planning stages – it has already begun. The "Corporation for Public Television" is 230 T.V. stations that are funded by public donations, coporation underwriting and government grants. Although not as large as commercial T.V., it has an audience of 40 million people. The Nixon regime has taken over control of the programming for public television and cancelled all public affairs programs. A public T.V. official explained: "The issue is that programming decisions for public T.V. are in danger of being controlled by a political body. That's the hidden agenda. They cancel Bill Buckley so people will say, 'Well, they took off some liberal programs and some conservative ones, so they're not ideological.' What the people may overlook is that although Buckley is a conservative, he's certainly not pro-administration. What we're really afraid of is setting up some sort of domestic political organization to control television programming in this country."

Nixon is not only moving to control public T.V., but also to intimidate and control commercial T.V. stations by threatening them with loss of license if they don't have "balanced" (pro-administration) news. This campaign has already begun: Two T.V. stations owned by the Washington Post, a liberal newspaper, have had their application for license renewal challenged. In both cases, the heads of the challenging groups are Nixon men.

These conscious attempts to limit freedom of the press are direct threats to all of our rights. Already, several reporters have gone to jail, rather than give in. More than 400 reporters, including Walter Cronkite of CBS, John Chancellor of NBC and Howard K. Smith of ABC, signed a petition declaring their conviction that the first amendment is being seriously abridged. Black journalists belonging to an organization called Black Perspective, issued a statement saying, in part: "As Black reporters, we wish to re-affirm our intent not to be used as involuntary agents of the justice department or any other police agency."

We cannot let a few courageous reporters offer token resistance to this fascist administration. We must all do whatever we can, whether it's writing to Congress, passing out petitions, talking to our friends, co-workers and neighbors or organizing demonstrations to prevent our basic right to free speech and a free press from being stolen from us by a power-hungry, war-mongering government.

All Power to the People

FOUR BROTHERS WRITE ABOUT THE FT. RILEY PERSONNEL CONTROL FACILITY

After being in the military a while, most people have one great desire – to get out. When brothers can no longer stand the "military way of life" they often leave their duty stations without authorization – go AWOL (away without leave). The number of AWOL's in the country is at an epidemic level.

We received the following letter from four brothers who had gone AWOL and were either captured or turned themselves in to the authorities at Ft. Riley, Kansas. The brothers describe, here, how they viewed the military during their last few days in.

FREE ALL G.I.'S!

Dear Angry,

I am writing this letter for myself and three other brothers. We just got out of the Ft. Riley Personnel Control Facility (PCF). PCF is where most AWOL's and deserters are sent. When we were there we heard one Sgt., who was an M.P., talking about how hard his job was because he had to find 1,700 guys who had deserted from Ft. Riley, 800 more who were AWOL, and then he had to take care of about 3,000 guys who were caught around the U.S. and being sent there (Ft. Riley). There are more then two hundred thousand brothers who got fed up with the lies they were told and were sick of being just used by the U.S. military machine – so they cut out.

At PCF you are either processed back into the army or discharged. If you show any resistance, like giving a lifer or officer a bad look, you are considered a troublemaker and put in the stockade for a few months. The lifers are always threatening to rip up your processing papers if you don't act right, which means you'd be there a lot longer – maybe months.

Every morning they got us up at 4:00 or 4:30 A.M. Sometimes the lifers came through the barracks with ball bats and beat our bunks 'til everyone got up.

With all the harassment, G.I.'s will only take so much. In Rising Up Angry we've seen the saying, **"Repression Breeds Resistance"** – and we can see that's very true here. At one time, in 1970, the harassment and repression led the G.I.'s in PCF (then it was called Special Processing Detachment) to riot -- buildings were burned down and lifers were beaten. So, ever since, they try to keep us separated as much as possible and keep everyone busy from early morning 'til late at night.

They don't only try to divide us, brother from brother, in the hopes that we'll be fighting each other and forget about where we are and why we're there, but they really try to divide us, black from white, too. The lifers were the most racist and they tried to bring it out in us; even though it was there, it wasn't real heavy because it was a bad place to be for all of us, black and white. It was sort of the type of racism I remember in high school, where if a white person did something wrong the teacher would yell at him, and he'd say, "Well, blacks do it all the time". Then the teacher (in this case, the lifers) would say that's because that's the way blacks are. The lifers were always sending black brothers off to the stockade – and not sending whites for doing the same things. They tried to justify this by saying that all blacks were bad.

Since the riot, and since it's clear that blacks and whites are more united, the lifers do things to us that are a little less obvious. Like every morning they say a lot of guys will be leaving and our spirits get raised; but by the end of the day, when everyone comes back, we get very depressed.

The lifers would tell us anything just to get us to do our physical training and do our details right. And when the men would be uptight, the Sgts. might try making it look like they were our "good friends" by telling us we could drink or go off post – but, if we did sneak off and got caught, we still went in the stockade.

They give out magazines, like Sex to Sixty, and really push that women are stupid and the only thing they're good for is sex. Our platoon Sgt. said that once 13 WACs were raped by G.I.'s. He said all the G.I.'s had to do was ask – and the WAC's "would give it to them". In other words, all WAC's are whores. It was easy to see that this was another way to divide us – brother from sister.

The last couple of days in that place were terrible. We were marched to different places to do some out-processing, and at each place we had to wait for hours in really cold weather. We thought we were frost-bitten several times, but luckily we weren't.

Every day got worse. Each night we had to be in bed by 10:00 or 10:30 for bed check. A lot of brothers couldn't sleep because they were going nuts. It's not hard to lose a few marbles in that place. No one had money or cigarettes because most of the guys were busted right off the street for being AWOL and they didn't bring anything with them.

When the last day came, everyone was so happy to be leaving. We were searched for government property and then we signed out. The first Sgt. finally said something that we could all agree with – that was, when we passed the gates we couldn't come back.

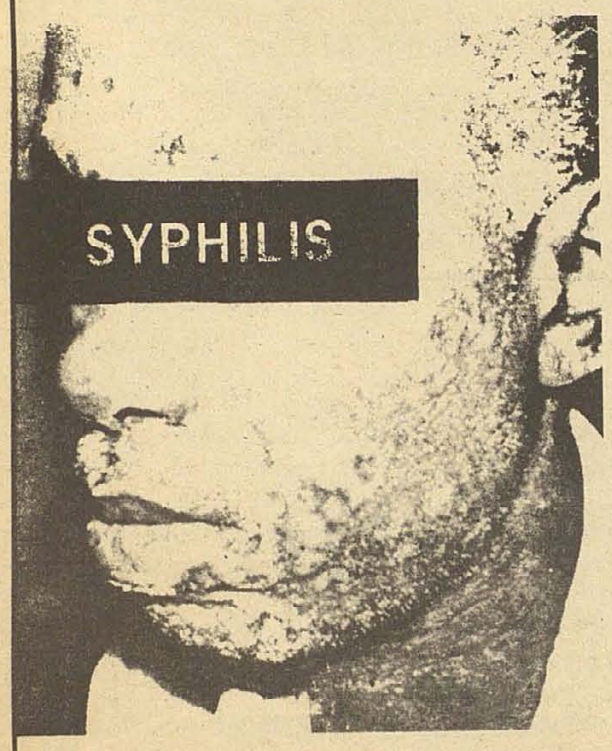
When we ran for the gate, we were overjoyed – but we still felt a little sick to our stomaches because even though it was our last day, many of our brothers were still in there. These brothers, and their struggle, is the same as ours – oppressed people fighting the world's enemy – the U.S. military.

Love & Power,

Denny – Wisconsin
Stan – Iowa
Chuck – Oklahoma
Howie – Illinois

EXPERIMENT IN RACISM

NEARLY 500 BLACK MEN KILLED IN A SYPHILIS EXPERIMENT CONDUCTED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT



EXPERIMENT IN RACISM
NEARLY 500 BLACK MEN KILLED IN A SYPHILIS EXPERIMENT CONDUCTED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

In 1932, 600 black men were turned over to the U.S. Center of Disease Control to become a part of a syphilis experiment. The government wanted to find out how bad the effects of syphilis might be, so they chose to experiment upon innocent blacks from Tuskegee, Alabama.

Understanding the horrors of syphilis helps us understand why this racist government chose black people to be the guinea pigs of this experiment. Syphilis is a disease that enters the blood stream through the genitals (or often the mouth) and is classified as a venerial disease (venerial is a reference to the act of love making). Up until the discovery of penicillin in 1943 this disease was incurable and brought death and misery to millions. Syphilis has three stages of development and can be cured, presently, at any stage. However, the horrible damage the disease causes usually cannot be repaired. Once in the blood stream, the disease can attack, destroy, or distort any part of the body, from the heart and brain to bones and skin.

Syphilis is contagious during the first two stages of the disease. The first stage appears almost immediately in the form of a sore on the genitals or mouth. This stage usually lasts about two weeks and is highly contagious. If untreated, the second stage will come about, usually in three months, in the form of a rash anywhere on the body. While this rash is present, transmitting the disease to someone else is possible.

One of the ways syphilis is transmitted is from mother to child. During the first 18 weeks of pregnancy, if a mother has the disease, the new born baby will probably not be infected. If the mother is treated at this point, no matter at what stage the disease is at she can almost be assured her baby will not suffer from the disease. However, on or after the 19th week the child can become infected. Many of the children are stillborn, or, from birth to 10 years, can show the following distortions: blindness, "saddle nose" (a crushed nose bone which affects speech and breathing), shriveled up skin, generally distorted bone structure, teeth, chin, etc.

Recent news reports have blasted the "discovery" of the "Tuskegee Experiment" as a shame to our country. But we know that just as there was not only one My Lai (where innocent, non-military Vietnamese people were murdered by American troops), there was not just one "Tuskegee Experiment".

From what we can learn from the racist historical records and news reports, it seems that in 1932, the U.S. Public Health Service said the highest number of cases of syphilis existed in Tuskegee, Alabama, the majority of whose population is black.

According to J.D. Millan, presently the head of the Center for Disease Control – Venereal Section, 600 black men from the "target area", Tuskegee, were chosen to form a "test group" for syphilis. Supposedley, 400 of the men had syphilis. The experiment was to proceed as follows: the 200 men who did not have syphilis were to be watched and be used as the "norm group"; 200 of the syphilitic group were to be treated with whatever medicines were available at the time (penicillin wasn't discovered as a cure until 1943), and the remaining 200 were to be left untreated, so that when they died an autopsy could reveal the internal damage of the disease.

It's hard to imagine the barbarity of such an experiment. The men got free health care for any problem other than syphilis and free burial after autopsy. And to top it off – not one of the men ever received treatment for syphilis (even after penicillin was discovered). Now, nearly 500 of the men are dead, and very little medical information about syphilis and the damage it causes has been learned as a result of this experiment.

The families and relatives of these 600 men were never checked or looked at to see if they had contracted the disease. As a result, there is no way of knowing how many people were victims of this study. Many of the men involved in the study did not even realize what they were a part of; they didn't know that life could have been, should have been better without the racist intrusion of this "experiment".

Recently, after discovering that the Tuskegee study had been made, really, without the knowledge of its victims, civil rights lawyers have begun to investigate to prosecute the law violators. One of the lawyers, Fred Gray, of Tuskegee, is investigating the "experiment" and is representing some of the survivors.

Whatever the outcome of these legal battles, those victims who have suffered and died will certainly not be able to understand or appreciate it. It is up to us to guarantee our futures, our survival, with people's control of technology and the institutions in our communities.

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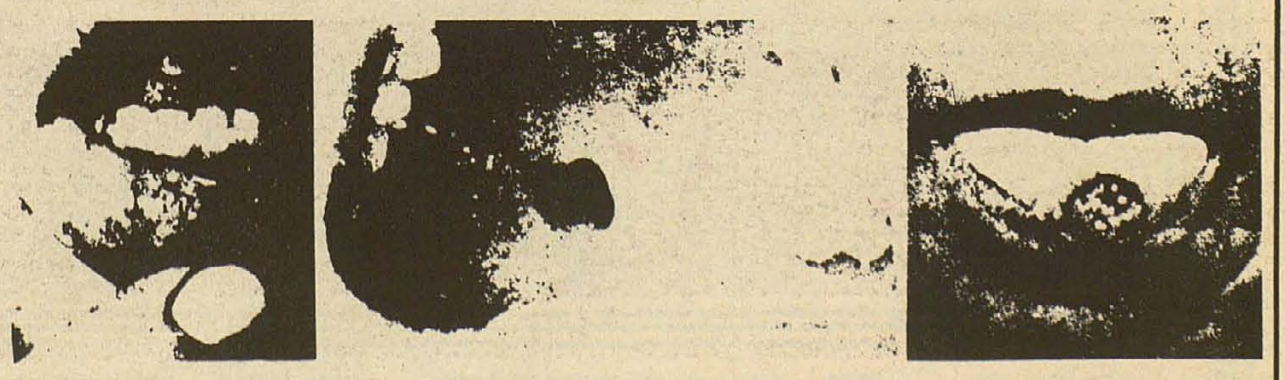

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programs to serve the people

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ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

STEVIE WONDERS' MUSIC

THINK ABOUT IT

SUPERSTITION

Lyrics and Music by Stevie Wonder

Very superstitious, writings on the wall,
Very superstitious, ladders bout' to fall,
Thirteen month old baby, broke the lookin' glass,
Seven years of bad luck, the good things in your past.

When you believe in things that you don't understand,
Then you suffer,
Superstition ain't the way.

Very superstitious, wash your face and hands,
Rid me of the problem, do all that you can,
Keep me in a daydream, keep me goin' strong,
You don't wanna save me, sad is my song.

When you believe in things that you don't understand,
Then you suffer,
Superstition ain't the way, yeh, yeh.

Very superstitious, nothin' more to say,
Very superstitious, the devil's on his way,
Thirteen month old baby, broke the lookin' glass,
Seven years of bad luck, good things in your past.

When you believe in things that you don't understand,
Then you suffer,
Superstition ain't the way, no, no, no.

BIG BROTHER

Your name is big brother
You say that you're watching me on the tele,
Seeing me go nowhere,
Your name is big brother,
You say that you're tired of me protesting,
Children dying everyday,
My name is nobody
But I can't wait to see your face inside my door.

Your name is big brother
You say that you got me all in your notebook,
Writing it down everyday,
Your name is I'll see ya,
I'll change if you vote me in as the pres,
The President of your soul
I live in the ghetto,
You just come to visit me round' election time.

I live in the ghetto,
Someday I will move on my feet to the other side,
My name is secluded,
we live in a house the size of a matchbox,
Roaches live with us wall to wall.

You've killed all our leaders,
I don't even have to do nothin' to you,
You'll cause your own country to fall.

I'VE BEEN A.W.O.L. FOR OVER ONE YEAR. I COME BACK TO TURN MYSELF IN.

DESK SGT.

MILITARY POLICE

DESK SGT.

ANOTHER AWOL-YOU'RE DA 37th DIS MORNING- AND YOU DUDS ARE ALL ALIKE- YOU DON'T LOVE KILLING

PIG

OH BOY

TAKI-183

MILITARY POLICE

DA PROBLEM WIT YOU DUDS IS YER TOO SOFT. YOU AIN'T HARD LIKE US MEN, AND DAT MEANS A BIG JOB FOR ME.

PIG

TAKI-183

MILITARY

DESK SGT

DIS MONTH THERE'S OVER 800 AWOLS FROM FT. RILEY ALONE. BESIDES DA 17,000 DESERTERS AND WIT A COUPLE HUNDRED THOUSAND DUDS AWOL SINCE DA START OF THE WAR

IF I WASN'T SO TOUGH I'D CRY

PIG

TAKI-183

MILITARY

Next day at P.C.F.*

SOME OF YOU DUDS JUST CAN'T MAKE IT HERE. WELL I'M GONNA GIVE YOU DUDS A 2ND CHANCE

PORK

PCF

IF YA STAY IN AND GET FINED AND TAKE YER PUNISHMENT- WHILE YOU FINISH YER TURN IN DA ARMY-

PORK

AIN'T HE SOME PIG

PCF

IT'S WORTH AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE- IF YA GET AN HONORABLE YOU'LL GET FANTASTIC BENEFITS LIKE DAT GREAT ARMY PAY

PORK

PCF

AND WHEN YOU GO TO DAT GREAT BATTLE FIELD IN DA SKY YOUR REMAINS WILL GET LAYED TO REST IN AN ARMY CEMETARY WIT A GOVT. ISSUE HEAD- STONE- ALL FREE

PORK

PCF

AND YOU CAN STAND UP PROUD IN THE UNIFORM OF DA U.S. ARMY- AND YOU KNOW HOW DA LADIES LOVE DAT..

PORK

PCF

AND IF YOU LEAVE DA ARMY ALIVE YOU'LL ALSO GET FANTASTIC BENNIES LIKE RE-EMPLOYMENT AND JOB COUNSELING AND PLACEMENT- I JUST HEARD ABOUT A JOB ON DA BURLINGTON, IOWA POLICE FORCE

O.K, ALL YOU DUDS.. IF YOU WANT TO BECOME MEN, STEP TO DA FRONT

PORK

PCF

Twenty minutes later- not a muscle has moved...

we're getting the best benefit

We're getting Out

HONK

F.T.A. / FREE THE A.W.O.L.'S

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